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In re Patent Application of

T. HATTORI et al

Serial No. 10/026,973

Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: December 27, 2001

Examiner: S. Rosasco

For: A PHOTOMASK, THE MANUFACTURING METHOD, A PATTERNING
METHOD, AND A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND RESET
OF THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 7, 2003

Sir:

The Applicants have received an Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The Applicants request a new Office Action and reset of the statutory period for response as follows.

A Supplemental Amendment was filed October 15, 2003, following a telephone conference with the Examiner. Amendments were made to the independent claim, which were believed to place the application in condition for allowance. However, it appears that the Supplemental Amendment did not reach the Examiner before the preparation of the instant Office Action.

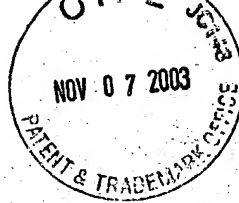
A copy of the Supplemental Amendment is attached. The Applicants request full consideration of the Supplemental Amendment and treatment of the claims in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



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Papers Filed Herewith:

Transmittal Letter; and
SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY.



Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed, as
identified in connection with the above-identified patent
application.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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